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2) This statement is being filed within three months of the U. S. filing date of the present application.

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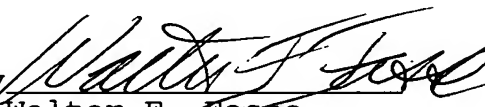
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specification at pages 2 and 3. Therefore no further discussion of the references is required.

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5) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 19 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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